

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 and ending on page 1, line 18 with the following paragraph. The amendments to the paragraph are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to and is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/237,969, filed January 27, 1999, and entitled “Interface Device and Method for Interfacing Instruments to Medical Procedure Simulation Systems,” ~~which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/923,477, filed September 4, 1997 and entitled “Interventional Radiology Interface Apparatus and Method,” which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/025,433, Filed September 4, 1996 and entitled “Interventional Radiology Interface Apparatus and Method.” In addition, this application claims priority from and under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to~~ U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/072,672, filed January 28, 1998 and entitled “Endoscopic Procedure Simulation System and Method”; ~~from~~ U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/105,661, Filed October 26, 1998 and entitled “Endoscopic Surgical Simulation System and Method Including Pivotal Entry Site”; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/116,545, filed January 21, 1999 and entitled “Endovascular Procedure Simulation System and Method”. The disclosures in the above-mentioned patent applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.